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- 11. (U) During the November 17 General Affairs and External Relations Council (GAERC), EU Member States adopted a Council Decision and Regulation updating the list of persons and entities in Iran to which targeted EU sanctions apply. Member States have committed themselves to review this list regularly, and at least every 12 months, to ensure that the grounds for each individual designation remain valid.
- 12. (C//NF) Only one individual was added to the EU list, and no individuals or entities were removed. The new designee is Ali Akbar SALEHI, who heads the Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran (AEOI). As anticipated (REF A, Para 2), his recently retired predecessor, Reza AGHAZADEH, will remain designated, since the EU deemed his knowledge and potential for proliferation-related activities to be genuine threats. The EU Council Secretariat recently told us that Member States were taking a similar approach in the DPRK sanctions domain, where individuals will be sanctioned for a specific role that they play in a proliferation network or a specific slot that they occupy in an organizational chart (REF B, Para 6).

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